



## ATTACHMENT A Amendments to the Claims

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.*

1. (Currently Amended) In the combination of a metal standing seam roof and a snow guard assembly,

said roof comprising a first roofing panel and a second roofing panel, the first and second roofing panels each having a substantially perpendicular longitudinal edge thereon, the longitudinal edge of the first roofing panel positioned in close proximity to the longitudinal edge of the second roofing panel forming a raised seam therealong,

said snow guard assembly comprising a decorative fan shaped snow brake plate integral with a base which defines a groove whereby the base is locatable on the metal roof by placement of the groove about a segment of the seam, the improvement comprising:

spanning means extending between adjacent snow brakes, and

means on said base for connecting the base with said spanning means,

said spanning means and said means for connecting being located below the top of adjacent seams.

2. (Original) The invention of claim 1, wherein said base defines a groove that has at least one wall wherein is shaped to interlock with a lower edge of said raised seam.

3. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 1, wherein said means on said base for connecting to said spanning means comprises bosses extending outwardly from the outer side surfaces of said base, said bosses being located near the surface of the ~~roof~~ roofing panel whereby said spanning means is connectable to said bosses on adjacent snow brakes.

4. (Original) The invention of claim 3, wherein said spanning means is a pipe wherein the hollow ends of said pipe slidably fit over said bosses on said bases.

5. (Original) The invention of claim 1, wherein said means on said base for connecting to said spanning means comprises depressions formed on the outer side surfaces, respectively, of said base.

6. (Original) The invention of claim 5, wherein said spanning means fits into said depressions whereby said spanning means is connectable into said depressions on adjacent snow brakes.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of mounting a decorative snow guard assembly on a roofing surface having a downward slope in a direction from an elevated portion of said roofing surface toward an edge of said roofing surface,  
said roofing surface having first and second displaced raised portions thereon with at least one base portion therebetween, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a first snow guard interconnected with said first raised portion of said roofing surface, said first snow guard having a decorative fan shaped snow brake plate with an integral base which defines a groove whereby said base is locatable about a segment of said first raised portion, said base having a boss extending from the side of the base adjacent to the roofing surface,

providing a pre-cut pipe which is dimensioned to extend between said raised portions of said roof,

inserting one end of said pipe over said boss,

providing a second snow guard, said snow guard having a decorative fan shaped snow brake plate integral with a base defining a groove and a boss extending from the side of the base adjacent to the roofing surface,

inserting the other end of said pipe over said boss,

locating the groove of said second snow guard about a segment of said second raised portion and securing said second snow guard to said second raised portion,

whereby said pipe is mounted close to the ~~base~~ surface of said base portion of said roof surface which extends between said raised portions.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of mounting a decorative snow guard assembly on a roofing surface having a downward slope in a direction from an elevated portion of said roofing surface toward an edge of said roofing surface,

said roofing surface having first and second displaced raised portions thereon with at least one base portion therebetween, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a first snow guard interconnected with said first raised portion of said roofing surface, said first snow guard having a decorative fan shaped snow brake plate integral with a base which defines a groove whereby said base is locatable about a segment of said first raised portion, said base having a connector on the side of the base adjacent to the roofing surface,

providing a pre-cut pipe which is dimensioned to extend between said raised portions of said roof,

connecting one end of said pipe to said connector,

providing a second snow guard, said snow guard having a decorative fan shaped snow brake plate integral with a base defining a groove and a connector on the side of the base adjacent to the roofing surface,

connecting the other end of said pipe to said connector,

locating the groove of said second snow guard about a segment of said second raised portion and securing said second snow guard to said second raised portion,

whereby said pipe is mounted between said raised portions.